



May 23, 2011

Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: In the Matter of applications of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for consent to assign or Transfer Control of licenses and Authorizations (WT Docket No. 11-65).


Dear Chairman Genachowski:

Eskaton provides residences, community services and healthcare to support the independence and quality of living for more than 14,000 older adults annually throughout northern California. We are a nonprofit that provides a full spectrum of aging services, including residential living with services, assisted living, memory care, hospice, skilled nursing, home care and multiple other special programs. We at Eskaton Foundation know the important role that technology can play in the lives and care of seniors. As with many seniors nationwide, the seniors we serve are understandably concerned with healthcare. Healthcare providers, and therefore patients, will benefit from the merger. Physicians can better serve their patients given faster access to relevant healthcare information. AT&T's 4G capacity will facilitate this greater efficiency in communication to more members of the medical community.

With this in mind, we happily advocate for the approval of the proposed merger between AT&T and T-Mobile. Affordability, innovation, collaboration, education and compassion are bywords at Eskaton Foundation, and we feel confident that the merger will help bring these standards to all Californians. Eskaton draws its name from the Greek word meaning "dawning of a new day." A combined AT&T and T-Mobile USA will usher in a new day of expanded mobile broadband, making better communications technology available to Californians of every age.

I am confident that this merger will substantially improve the lives of the seniors we serve. Together these two companies will help us build communities and better serve them. We encourage you to advance these goals by approving the merger.

Sincerely,



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CC: Commissioner Michael Copps
Commissioner Robert McDowell
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker